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LOK SABHA

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INTRODUCTION OF NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have decided to introduce a `Nirmal Gram Puraskar`;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the time by which the Puraskar is likely to be conferred?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The salient features of `Nirmal Gram Puraskar` are given in the annexed statement. The `Puraskar` will be given from the current financial year 2003-2004.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2078 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.8.2003

SALIENT FEATURES OF `NIRMAL GRAM PURASKAR`

(a) Eligibility:

(i) Gram Panchayats, Blocks and Districts will be eligible if those achieve 100% sanitation coverage in terms of

(a) 100% sanitation coverage of individual house holds,

(b) 100% school sanitation coverage

(c) free from open defecation and (d) clean environment maintenance.

(ii) Individuals and organisations, who have been the driving force for effecting full sanitation coverage in the respective geographical area will also be eligible.

(b) Incentive pattern:

The incentive pattern in the Puraskar is as follows:

Sl.No.	Particulars	Gram Panchayat	Block	District
1.	Population Criteria	Upto 5000	5001 & above	Upto 50000 & above	Upto 1 lakh	Above 10 lakh
2.	Cash Incentive Recommended (Rs.in lakh)	2.0	4.0	10.0	20.0	30.0	50.0
3.	Incentive to indivi- duals (Rs.in lakh)	0.10	0.20	0.30

4. Incentive to Organisation/s other than PRIs (Rs. in lakh)	0.20	0.35	0.50

(c) Selection Procedure:

The general procedure for identifying 100% sanitised blocks and districts will be based on the following principles:

(i) State Government will identify and select Gram Panchyatas, Blocks and Districts, which are fully covered and conform to the eligibility criteria indicated in para 2 (a) above. After selection they will send the report to the Government of India.

(ii) For Districts, Blocks and Gram Panchayats, selection for the Puraskar the Government of India may engage independent evaluator(s) or Multi-disciplinary Team(s) to assess the status of full sanitation coverage.

(iii) There will be a National Committee on Nirmal Gram Puraskar constituted by this Department to draw up criteria for annual selection of Gram Panchayats, Blocks, Districts individuals and organisations for Puraskar.

(d) Funding:

Funding for the puraskar will be made from the Information, Education and Communication funds available with the Department of Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Rural Development.

(e) How the incentive can be used:

The incentive for Panchayat Raj Institutions can be used for improving and maintaining sanitation facilities in their respective areas. The focus should be on solid and liquid waster disposal and maintenance of the sanitation standard.

This will become operational from the 2003-04.